

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-382-E - ORDER NO. 97-36
JANUARY 9, 1997

IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company for) ORDER
Approval to begin offering Scheduled MP(SC),) APPROVING
Multiple Premises Service, as a Pilot Rate) REQUEST
Schedule Effective January 1, 1997.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Duke Power Company (Duke) for Approval of its Schedule MP(SC), Multiple Premises Service, and the associated Electric Service Agreement which Duke proposes to offer as a pilot rate schedule.

Schedule MP(SC), a time of use rate, is designed to allow customers with multiple premises served on non-contiguous property in South Carolina to aggregate loads for billing purposes in an effort to encourage customers to manage loads among various sites to achieve cost savings for both Duke and the customer, according to Duke.

This pilot would be available to up to 10 business entities on the Duke system. Franchises or subsidiaries would not be eligible unless they qualify as a separate business entity. A participating customer would be required to have a total contracted demand of 5,000 KW among sites to be served under the schedule. Under the schedule bills will be rendered for each

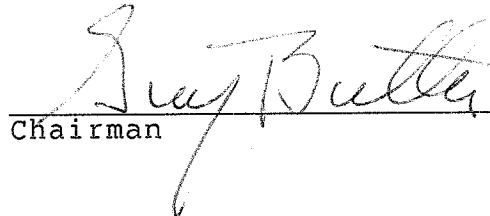
premises with the demand charge based on the demand which is coincident with that of other facilities served under this schedule. Participating customers would be required to pay for the costs of any additional equipment such as remote metering and telephone lines necessary for the provision of service under this schedule.

Duke proposes to implement this pilot for a period of up to three (3) years during which time Duke would evaluate changes in customer usage patterns, diversity among sites, and customer acceptance of the rate. Duke requests the right to modify, expand or terminate the pilot within the three (3) year period. According to Duke, customers will be selected for participation in the pilot in a manner that would allow Duke to evaluate different types of customers with different load characteristics. Duke seeks approval effective January 1, 1997.

The Commission has examined this matter, and believes that approval is in the public interest as filed, as of the date of this Order. The Commission requests that ten (10) copies of the Schedule and Agreement as approved be filed with the Commission within ten (10) days of the Company's receipt of this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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